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AMEMBASSY PARIS

S E C R E T MONROVIA 1772

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ET, SREF
SUBJECT: PLANS OF FOREIGN MINISTER KIFLE

REF: STATE 052504

1. DCM FURNISHED KIFLE WITH LIST PROVIDED IN PARA 2 REF-
TEL IN BRIEF MEETING MARCH 14. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
FOR THIS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION KIFLE INDI-
CATED THAT THUS FAR HE HAD MADE NO CONTACTS WITH U.S.
INSTITUTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OR FELLOWSHIP,
THAT INSTEAD HE HAD BEEN CONCENTRATING ON RELAXING AND
KEEPING HIS MIND OFF HIS PRESENT TROUBLES.

2. KIFLE ALSO STATED THAT HE EXPECTS TO LEAVE MONROVIA
WITHIN THE WEEK FOR EUROPE AND HE ASKED THAT I INFORM
THE DEPARTMENT HE WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH IT THROUGH
OUR EMBASSY IN PARIS. IN THIS REGARD HE ASKED THAT
EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER BOB MELONE BE BRIEFED ON THE
SITUATION. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE INFORM MELONE THAT
KIFLE WILL BE CONTACTING HIM WHEN HE REACHES PARIS.

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3. KIFLE INDICATED THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAD
CONTACTED HIM THROUGH THE GOL REQUESTING THAT HE RETURN
AND TAKE UP HIS DUTIES, BUT THAT HE HAD RESPONDED HIS
DECISION TO LEAVE WAS IRREVOCABLE. HE ADDED THAT HE
HAD NOT BEEN PRESSURED BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO
RETURN. ON THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA HE SAID THAT HE
HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER MINISTER

OF MINES HAILU YEMANU AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. HE SAID HAILU WAS AN EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR, THAT HE KNEW THE GOVERNMENT OPERATION AND THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD TOGETHER THE CIVIL SERVICE, WHICH KIFLE CHARACTERIZED AS THE ONLY INSTITUTION WHICH IS FUNCTIONING IN ETHIOPIA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO REPEAT TO EMBASSY PARIS APPROPRIATE CABLES REGARDING DIALOGUE OVER PAST FEW WEEKS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY MONROVIA AND KIFLE.
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